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FOLLOWING REPEAT KATHMANDU 2011 ACTION TOKYO INFO ANKARA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 2011

TOKYO FOR SAIC DELANEY; DELHI FOR LORENZ; ANKARA FOR BRIGGS;
HONG KONG FOR SHOSTROM

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, NP, JA, HK, US

SUBJECT: THAKUR, UDAYA CHAND

REF: TOKYO 6469

1. ANNOUNCEMENT DISMISSAL FORMER AMBASSADOR PRAKASH CHANDRA
THAKUR FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE WAS MADE JANUARY 20 (A-14,
FEBRUARY 21). THERE HAS BEEN LIVELY SPECULATION AMONG
FONMINISTRY COLLEAGUES AS TO REASONS, WHICH INCLUDE PECULATION,
SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES, ACTIONS TAKEN ULTRA VIRES, IMPROPER
PRIVATE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, BUT UNTIL NEWS OF ARREST SON
UDYA CHANDRA WAS PUBLICIZED NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING WAS NOT
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AMONG THESE. ACCORDING ONE ACCOUNT FROM KNOWLEDGEABLE FONMIN

SOURCE GON, WAS CONCERNED THAKUR WOULD BE SMUGGLING CONTRABAND ON HOMEWARD JOURNEY, INFORMED INTERPOL, AND HE WAS "SHAKEN DOWN" AT EACH TRANSIT STOP, ARRIVING KATHMANDU IN HIGHLY NERVOUS STATE.

2. WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT RESULTS OF GON PURPORTEDLY CONTINUING INVESTIGATION IN THAKUR CASE WILL EVER BE ANNOUNCED. PAST PRACTICE HAS GENERALLY BEEN TO MERELY DISCHARGE CULPABLE GOVERNMENT SERVANTS WITHOUT CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, BUT IN THIS CASE RUMORS CONTINUE THAT THAKUR WILL ULTIMATELY BE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION.
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